

Remarks

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 45 through 47 and the allowability of claims 40 through 44. Claim 32 has been amended to more clearly define the invention recited therein. Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 32 through 39 and the objection to claims 40 through 44 respectfully is requested in view of the following comments.

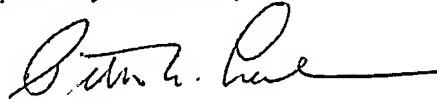
Independent claim 32 provides for a body of elastomeric material interconnecting the rigid members having a pair of chambers provided with a damping liquid, a first, restricted orifice intercommunicating such chambers and a second, restricted orifice intercommunicating the chambers provided with a valve. In this regard, it is submitted that Saotome et al neither discloses nor teaches such structure. Initially, it is to be noted that the chambers filled with a damping fluid in Saotome et al are not formed in the body of elastomeric material as recited in the claim but are defined by the body of elastomeric material and one of the rigid members. Secondly, it is to be noted that Saotome et al provides only a single orifice interconnecting the two chambers filled with damping fluid instead of two separate orifices interconnecting such chambers as recited in the claim. Reference numerals 5a and 5b of Saotome et al do not constitute two separate orifices intercommunicating chambers 4, 4 but instead components of a single orifice 5 which is provided with a spool valve 6c operated by a solenoid coil 6b.

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In view of the foregoing, it respectfully is requested that the rejection of claims 32 through 39 and the objection to claims 40 through 44 be withdrawn, such claims be allowed and further that the application be passed to issue.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 14-1437, under Order No. 8369.017.US0000.

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